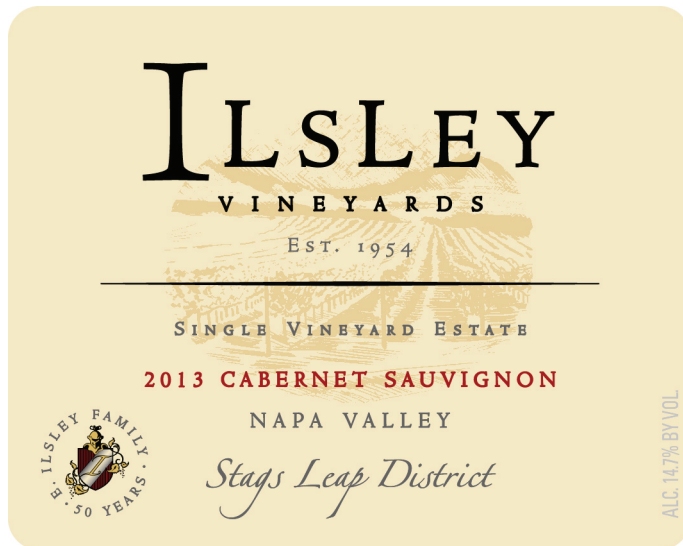


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2013
Harvest Dates: October 1 to 5
Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District
Blend: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Malbec
Winemaker: Heather Pyle
Bottling Date: June 25, 2015
Production: 290 Cases
Alcohol: 14.7%
Average Brix: 25.7
pH: 3.76
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L

The 2013 growing season was what we could call 'normal', meaning moderate summer temperatures with the occasional heat spike but nothing remarkable. Of course there is nothing 'normal' in agriculture since Mother Nature likes to keep us guessing. So, for an added challenge She made 2013 another drought year, the second of 3 in a row. The California wines as a group from 2013 are solid to magnificent and very often well balanced.

Tasting Notes

The 2013 Ilsley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is the deepest garnet imaginable. The aromas are an intense and focused black cherry cola with ripe raspberry and a touch of cedar and tobacco. The mouth is dense with mouth-filling tannins up front. The fruit from the nose comes through but there is also a touch of licorice on the palate. The length goes forever.

Vintage Notes

2013 started warm and dry and we were all anticipating an early start to the season. A years worth of rainfall that all came in November and December was followed by dry weather for the rest of winter. Bud break was early and that always makes us nervous for spring time frost, but fortunately warm weather continued through the spring and there were no cold nights. A hot spell around the 4th of July interrupted what was an otherwise pleasant summer of cool nights foggy mornings and warm afternoons, perfect ripening conditions for Cabernet and Malbec. Nearly ideal weather continued into fall allowing fruit to reach full maturity and complexity. Harvest began with the Malbec in early September and finished with the Cabernet around October 10th.

Ilsley Vineyards

Located in the Vaca Mountain foothills of Napa Valley's Stags Leap District lie the Ilsley Vineyards. For three generations our family has provided grapes for some of Napa Valley's finest wines. Now after fifty years of farming, we have hand-selected grapes from our hillside vineyards to produce our own Cabernet Sauvignon that we believe captures the essence of the Stags Leap District.

We are proud of our vineyards and the fruit that they bear.



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